



ALLIANCE LEGISLATIVE REPORT (94-75)

NEW ISBE FOOD SERVICE RULES APPROVED

The Illinois State Board of Education gained approval today (Tuesday) of its proposed rule regarding school food service and “junk food” in elementary and middle schools. The new rule takes effect immediately.

The text of the rule can be found at: www.isbe.net/rules/proposed/pdfs/305wf.pdf.

The proposal, strongly opposed by the Alliance [see Alliance Legislative Report (94-74) at: www.iasb.com/files/alr-9474.htm], was approved by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) at its meeting today in Chicago. JCAR voted 8-4 to approve the proposal. The approved rule will be published in the next edition of the Illinois Register.

In May, JCAR voted 11-0 to prohibit the rulemaking from advancing. The minor changes made to the proposal by the ISBE in June did little to alleviate the substantial problems school districts will have in immediately implementing the rule, so the Alliance remained opposed to the measure. JCAR refused to approve the revised rule at the June, July, August, and September committee meetings. The identical language, however, was approved today at the committee’s October meeting.

The following legislators voted *in favor* of adopting the rule:

Senator James Clayborne (D-Belleville)	Senator Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest)
Senator Ira Silverstein (D-Chicago)	Representative Brent Hassert (R-Romeoville)
Representative Tom Holbrook (D-Belleville)	Representative Larry McKeon (D-Chicago)
Representative Rosemary Mulligan (R-Des Plaines)	Representative David Miller (D-Dolton)

The following legislators voted *against* adoption of the rule:

Senator Brad Burzynski (R-Sycamore)	Senator Steve Rauschenberger (R-Elgin)
Senator Dan Rutherford (R-Chenoa)	Representative David Leitch (R-Peoria)

The Alliance lobbyists would like to thank all of you who contacted the JCAR members on this issue. Please thank the four legislators listed above who voted against the rule proposal and continued to fight for the local school district’s authority to make local decisions.

Questions about implementing the rule should be directed to the Illinois State Board of Education.

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